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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 11440

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SUBJECT: SOVIET APPROACH TO UK ON MEMBERSHIP IN THE
- COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

REF: A)GENEVA 10990, B)STATE 183175

1. ON JULY 25, UK CCD REP (AMB. ASHE) INFORMED US REP (AMB. FISHER) THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY SOV CCD REP (AMB. LIKHATCHEV) ON THE ISSUE OF SELECTING ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD). NOTING THAT HE WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, LIKHATCHEV OUTLINED TO ASHE THE SAME SOVIET SCENARIO FOR THE SELECTION PROCESS HE HAD PROPOSED TO FISHER (REF A) AND URGED ASHE TO ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE SOVIET POSITION WAS THAT THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FIVE, TWO WESTERN AND THREE NON-ALIGNED. IN THAT CONNECTION, LIKHATCHEV INDICATED THE SOVIETS PREFERRED

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AUSTRALIA, FINLAND, ALGERIA, SRI LANKA, AND CUBA. REGARDING CUBA, HE IMPLIED SOVIETS WERE NOT QUITE SURE OF THE WESTERN AND NON-ALIGNED REACTION TO ITS CANDIDACY.

2. ACCORDING ASHE, HE RESPONDED TO LIKHATCHEV THAT THIS MATTER WAS TO BE HANDLED BETWEEN THE CAPITALS AND THAT HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN IT. LIKHATCHEV

ARGUED THAT THE SOVIET SCENARIO WAS THE MOST PRACTICAL ONE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME LEFT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 19, WHEN MOJSOV'S MANDATE AS UNGA PRESIDENT WOULD EXPIRE, AND SAID THAT, AS THE NEXT STEP, HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE FRENCH PERM REP IN GENEVA.

3. ASHE EXPRESSED CONCERN LEST THE SOVIET PITCH FOR CUBAN MEMBERSHIP GAIN MOMENTUM AND SUGGESTED THAT, SHOULD THE CUBAN CANDIDACY BE RAISED BY OTHER CCD DELEGATIONS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, BOTH HE AND FISHER THROW COLD WATER ON IT. FISHER AGREED AND SAID THAT, WHILE HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE U.S. VIEWS ON THE VARIOUS CANDIDACIES, HE WAS PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH CUBAN CANDIDACY.

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